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CIRCUIT DEVICES

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 CFR 1.55, the applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on the following foreign application filed in Japan:

Application No. 2000-039706 filed on February 17, 2000.

A certified copy of this foreign application was filed on November 8, 2000, in application Serial No. 09/707,833, the parent application of the present continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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